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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DIVISION FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

PATRICIA TWOHILL,

Plaintiff,

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HOWMEDICA, INC., a foreign corporation,

Defendant.

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JUDGE KENNELLY

Judge

MAGISTRATE JUDGE GERALDINE SOAT BROWN

(Circuit Court No. 00 L 10714)

NOTICE OF FILING

TO: Joseph V. Roddy

The Law Offices of Joseph V. Roddy

77 W. Washington St.

Suite 1100

Chicago, IL 60602

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 20th day of February, 2001, we filed with the Clerk of Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the attached Defendant, HOWMEDICA, INC.'s Notice of Removal, Removal Notice to Adverse Party, Appearance and Jury Demand.

A copy of the aforementioned documents is hereby served upon you.

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Respectfully submitted,

HOWMEDICA, INC.

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One of its attorneys

Thomas A. Reed Sarah G. Cronan Patrick J. Woytek CASSIDAY, SCHADE & GLOOR 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1040 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 641-3100 Attorney No. 01936

PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Notice of Filing and Defendant, HOWMEDICA INC.'s Notice of Removal, Removal Notice to Adverse Party, Appearance and Jury Demand described above was deposited in a United States Post Office box, enclosed in an envelope, with postage fully prepaid, and plainly addressed to Joseph V. Roddy, The Law Offices of Joseph V. Roddy, 77 W. Washington St., Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60602, before the hour of 5:00 p.m. this 20th day of February, 2001.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DIVISION
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

PATRICIA TWOHILL,

Plaintiff,

No.

JUDGE KENNELLY

MAGISTRATE JUDGE

HOWMEDICA, INC., a foreign corporation, GERALDINE SOAT BROWN

Defendants.

Attorney # 01936

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DEFENDANT, HOWMEDICA, INC.'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Now comes Defendant MTG DIVESTITURES, INC. f/k/a HOWMEDICA, INC., and hereinafter "HOWMEDICA", by and through its attorneys, Thomas A. Reed, Sarah G. Cronan, Patrick J. Woytek and Cassiday, Schade & Gloor, and states that it has been sued as the Defendant in a civil action entitled *Patricia Twohill v. Howmedica, Inc.*, bearing Case No. 00 L 10714, in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. Defendant hereby files in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, its Notice of Removal for removal of said civil action to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.

Copies of this Notice of Removal are herewith served upon counsel of record for the Plaintiff, PATRICIA TWOHILL, and a copy of this Notice of Removal is being filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, in conformity with 28 U.S.C. §1446. Defendant, HOWMEDICA represents that the grounds for removal are as follows:

1. On September 19, 2000, Plaintiff filed the instant products liability action in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois against HOWMEDICA, the manufacturer of a total knee implant system.

- 2. Defendant, HOWMEDICA, received a copy of the Summons and the Complaint on December 21, 2000. Copies of the Summons and Complaint are attached hereto respectively as Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B".
- 3. Defendant, HOWMEDICA, is a foreign corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and the principal place of business of Defendant, HOWMEDICA, is located in the State of New York.
 - 4. Plaintiff, PATRICIA TWOHILL, is a citizen of the State of Illinois.
- 5. Plaintiff's Complaint does not contain an express ad damnum in an amount exceeding Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000) Dollars. However, the Complaint was filed with an Affidavit signed by Plaintiff's counsel, Joseph V. Roddy, which stated and affirmed that the "Damages sought in the above captioned action exceed \$50,000." A copy of the Affidavit of Mr. Roddy is attached as part of Exhibit "B". Accordingly, under Local Rule 81.2, on January 22, 2001, the Defendant, HOWMEDICA, served Plaintiff's counsel with a Request for Admissions of Fact to establish whether the amount in controversy exceeds Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000) Dollars. On February 2, 2001, the Plaintiff filed her Response to Request for Admissions in which the Plaintiff admits that she is seeking damages in excess of \$75,000. See Copy of Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Request for Admissions of Fact attached as Exhibit "C".
- 6. It is the Defendant, HOWMEDICA's good faith belief that the amount in controversy exceeds Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000) Dollars, exclusive of interest and costs. The basis for HOWMEDICA's good faith belief is receipt of the Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Request for Admission of Fact. Plaintiff, PATRICIA TWOHILL, alleges that she had her knee replaced with the Defendant's total knee implant system, that the implanted system failed, and that

as a result she was required to undergo and incur expenses for two revision surgeries to repair the implanted system, and that she has endured pain, suffering, and sustained various disabilities.

- 7. Pursuant to the provisions of 28 USC §1332, the District Court has jurisdiction over all civil actions between citizens of different States where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000) Dollars, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 8. Removal is timely since the Defendant removes this civil action within thirty (30) days after receipt of Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Request for Admissions of Fact. Pursuant to Local Rule 81.2, the receipt of this admission by the Defendant constitutes the receipt of a "paper from which it may first be ascertained that the case is one which is or has become removable" within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

WHEREFORE, Defendant, HOWMEDICA, INC., prays that this Notice of Removal be accepted as good and sufficient, that the aforesaid action and Complaint be removed from the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois to this Honorable Court for trial and determination as provided by law, and that this Court enter such Orders and issue such process as may be proper to bring before it copies of all records and proceedings in said civil action from said Circuit Court and, thereupon, proceed with the civil action as if it originally had been commenced in this Court.

Dated: February 20, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

HOWMEDICA INC.

One of its attorneys

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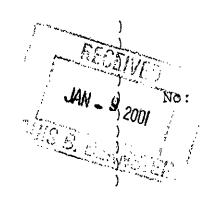
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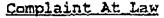
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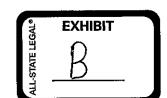


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NOW COMES the Plaintiff, PATRICIA TWOHILL, by and through her attorneys, The Law Offices of Joseph V. Roddy, and states as follows:

- 1. Flaintiff is a resident of Cook County, Illinois.
- 2. Defendant, HOWMEDICA, INC., was a foreign corporation licensed to do business in Illinois, until it withdrew on August 11, 1999.
- 3. On or about October 2, 1996, plaintiff submitted to examination, diagnosis, treatment, and surgery by Dr. Mercier, a physician, with offices located at 104 S. Michigan Avenue Suite # 316, Chicago, Illinois.
- 4. During the course of the treatment described above, plaintiff was required to undergo a surgical procedure which plaintiff understands to be properly termed a total knee arthroplasty. During that surgery a certain prosthetic device, which plaintiff understands to be properly termed a tibial tray, was placed in the plaintiff's knee.



- 5. The prosthetic device was designed, manufactured, supplied, and sold by the Defendant, HOWMEDICA, INC.
- 6. The prosthetic device was defective, and its implementation in plaintiff's knee has caused severe injuries. The Defendant was negligent in the design, manufacture, storage, transportation, and sale of the prosthetic device, and its negligence was a direct and proximate cause of the injuries and damages suffered by the plaintiff.
- The defendant by selling, supplying, and distributing the prosthetic device, impliedly warranted its safety to anyone who might lawfully use it for the purposes for which it was intended. The defendant further knew or should have known that the device would be used without inspection by the plaintiff who was unlearned and unskilled in those matters, and the defendant knew or should have known that the device would be used by plaintiff without inspection for defects. The defendant expressly or impliedly represented to plaintiff that the device was safe and proper for the intended use, but that was not so, since the device was defective, and the defendant breached its warranty and representation and is subject to strict liability. The defective prosthesis was the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries and damages.
- 9. Within two years after the prosthetic device was implanted in plaintiff's body, the device failed by completely tearing away from the patella bone. As a result of this failure,

on January 24, 1998, plaintiff underwent a revision of the right knee. After the second surgery Plaintiff continued to suffer severe pain. It was determined that she suffered from a fracture of the tibial component and polyethylene. A third surgery was required.

- g. The design of the prosthetic device, the selection of materials from which it was fabricated, the manufacturing procedures by which it was made, and the inspection procedures attendant on the manufacturer as well as the packaging of the device and the distribution and storing of the device, were all functions solely within the control of the defendant.
- 10. The tearing away from the patella bone, the fracture of tibial component, and fracture of polyethylene are not events that normally occur without negligence in the design, manufacture, fabrication, transportation, or storage of the device.
- 11. Defendant, HOWMEDICA, INC., as the manufacturer of the device knew or should have known that unless the device was carefully and properly designed, manufactured, transported and stored would constitute an unreasonable risk of substantial bodily harm to those who used it for which it was made and intended. At the time in question, the device was being properly used for the purpose for which it was intended, but the device was in fact defective, unsafe, and unreasonably dangerous.
 - 12. At the time of the selling, distribution, and supplying

of the device, the device was unsafe and defective. As so designed, manufactured, fabricated, assembled, transported, and stored, the device was unreasonably dangerous to anyone who might use it for the purposes for which it was intended and it was in fact defective and unfit, dangerous and unsafe, unsuitable and dangerous to be placed in plaintiff's body.

- complaint, the plaintiff was fully able to work and perform her usual and customary activities; but for the breach of warranties and negligence of the defendants, plaintiff would have continued with those capabilities for the remainder of her life. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of the defendant and as a result of the breach of assurances, representations, and warranties, plaintiff sustained severe, permanent, and emotionally distressing injuries, productive of physical pain and mental anguish.
- 14. Other than the condition for which submitted for treatment, plaintiff was in excellent health. Plaintiff has been caused to suffer injuries requiring plaintiff to undergo additional surgical procedures. Plaintiff's condition was caused to be aggravated and worsened, emotionally upsetting the plaintiff, all because of the breaches of warranties as described above, and negligence of the defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, PATRICIA TWOHILL, asks judgment against the Defendant, HOWMEDICA, INC., in a sum in excess of the

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Attorney for Plaintiff

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION

PATRICIA TWOHILL,

Plaintiff,

V.

No:

HOWMEDICA, INC.,
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Defendant.

Affidavit Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 222

- I. Joseph V. Roddy, one of the attorneys for the Plaintiff, PATRICIA TWOHILL, state under oath as follows:
 - 1. Damages sought in the above captioned action exceed \$50,000.

Further Affiant Sayeth Af

Joseph V. Roddy

Subscripted and sworn to me this day of the thinks 2000

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iled: 02/20/01 Page 14 of 17 PageID #:14 STATE OF LLLINOIS SS. COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION PATRICIA TWOHILL Plaintiff, 00 L 10714F No. and HOWMEDICA, Defendant. NOTICE OF FILING Cassiday, Schade & Gloor 20 N. Wacker Drive Suite 1040 Chicago, TL 60606 Borowie 187 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that we have this day, the 2nd February, 2001, filed with the Clerk of the Court, Response to Defendant's Request for Admission of Facts Directed To Plaintiff, Patricia Twohill, in accordance with the Rules and Provisions of the Supreme Court. for LAW OFFICES OF JOSEPH V. RODDY 77 West Washington St., Suite 1100 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 368-8220 Attorney No. 48373 The undersigned being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that s/he served a copy of the above and foregoing Notice together with a copy of the same herein referred to, upon the above-named attorney at the cited address by placing same in a duly addressed and stamped envelope and depositing same in the U.S. Mail Chute located at 77 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois on the 2nd day of February, 2001. Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109 I certify that the statements set forth herein are true and correct. **EXHIBIT**

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION

PATRICIA TWOHILL,

Plaintiff,

Vs.

HOWMEDICA, INC., a foreign Corporation,

Defendant

Defendant

RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR ADMISSION OF FACTS DIRECTED TO PLAINTIFF, PATRICIA TWOHILL

NOW COMES the plaintiff, PATRICIA TWOHILL, and in response to the defendants request for admission of facts directed to her, states as follows:

- 1. Admits that the damages incurred by Patricia Twohill exceeds \$75,000.00, and further states that she seeks relief and will request of a jury an amount far in excess of \$75,000.00.
- 2. Denies the allegations in paragraph 2, furthermore states, please refer to her answer in paragraph 1, because the damages far exceeds \$75,000,00.

Attorney for Plaintiff

LAW OFFICES OF JOSEPH V. RODDY #48373 77 West Washington Street Suite 1100 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 368-8220

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